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E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REFUGEE STATUS

REF: STATE 169642

1. CONOFF FIRST NOTIFIED UN HERE (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, UNDP AS THERE IS NO REPEAT NO RESIDENT UNHCR REP IN ANKARA) RE BULGARIANS THIS MORNING, JULY 9. CONOFF THEN CALLED ON ERKAN GEZER, BALKAN SECTION FONMIN AND INFORMED HIM ABOUT BUGARIANS. GEZER WAS ALSO TOLD: (1) ONE OF BULGARIANS CLAIMED THAT AFTER PREVIOUS SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE TO ISTANBUL HE HAD BEEN RETURNED TO BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES BY TURKS; AND (2) THAT EMBASSY HAD ALREADY INFORMED UNHCR ANKARA ABOUT THE BULGARIANS.

2. GEZER WAS QUICK TO SAY THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT BULGARIAN HAD BEEN RETURNED AS CLAIMED AND THEN WENT ON TO DESCRIBE IN GENERAL HOW TURKEY HANDLES REFUGEES, STRESSING THAT THEY ARE ASSISTED IN THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT AND NOT RETURNED TO COUNTRY FROM WHICH THEY HAD FLED. CONOFF REPLIED THAT TURKEY'S POSITION WAS WELL KNOWN AND THAT WE HOPED VERY MUCH THAT BULGARIANS WOULD BE TREATED JUST AS HE HAD OUTLINED AND WOULD NOT BE TURNED BACK

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TO BULGARIA UPON VOLUNTARILY TURNING THEMSELVES OVER TO TURKISH

AUTHORITIES.

3. EMBASSY HOPES THAT (A) THE FACT THAT UNHCR IS NOW AWARE OF THE REFUGEES AND THE CLAIM OF ONE OF THEM OF HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY RETURNED; AND (B) EXPRESSION OF EMBASSY INTEREST AND AWARENESS TO MFA WILL SERVE TO DETER GOT FROM FORCIBLY RETURNING REFUGEES TO BULGARIA.

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